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Correspondence: John P. Varnum, 1877 - 1888

John P. Varnum Family Papers

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## Letter: Written to J. P. Varnum, dated 1888-07-16

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Jacksonville Fla  
July 16. 88

Mrs. P. Varnum

My dear John:

Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst.  
to hand. I have been busy on  
account of Kirk's absence  
for his vacation or would have  
answered sooner. I hope by  
this time you are better and  
able to get round again, and  
I have no doubt but that the  
pure air and radical change  
of living will soon put you  
in fighting trim. I don't  
know anything very funny  
unless it is the effort of the  
Stockton Combination to make  
a newspaper. If you are in the



daily or occasional receipt of  
g and g, I have no doubt but  
that you have appreciated the  
humorous, and also the pathetic  
Exhibition they are making of it.  
Every one says "did you ever  
see such a falling off?" I  
have not heard anything about  
the issuance of the new stock.  
We shall probably sell ours to  
Mr Davis in a few days for  
75 cents on the dollar, & I  
shall consider myself well out  
of it. He asked me the other  
day if it was true that you  
had sold yours to Davis. I  
replied that I did not know  
anything about what you  
had done with it. He asked  
Cramer the same question.  
I think that par value might  
be got out of it sometime later

perhaps in the winter - but  
I doubt it. Tho I imagine  
they are desirous of getting  
hold of all they can. I  
mean the Quibler crowd -

We have a Harrison  
Morton club here about  
175 members (white), which  
promises well. I will send you  
a copy of Constitution & list  
of Charter members when it  
is printed. Have put out a  
big transparency with por-  
traits of the candidates in  
front of our room in the  
building next to the T. U.

The "Gazette" suspended after  
three weeks. Existence - prospects  
are not good for it or any other  
Republican paper being published here.  
Tho I believe the probability of such  
a paper being a success when



Started - becoming stronger daily -  
They have a white Republican  
Club in Orlando of 260 mem-  
bers - one in Danford of 160 -  
Business is awfully dull. Weather  
warmer than I ever knew it before  
this time of year. My folks  
are all away & I am hoping to  
get off for a month in August.  
Boys all send their regards &  
Kind wishes & hope you will  
soon be your old self again -  
I am not a good hand at express-  
ing sympathy. But you can be sure  
you have mine in all your troubles  
Especially in Charlie's death. The  
consolation in it is that the little  
fellow has gone where there is no  
more trouble or worry to grow to